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PREFACE.

This Volume is designed to contain the record of the war services (1861-1865) of the living and deceased members of this Post; the living to certify to the statement of their services, and the facts relating to the dead to be certified to by the Post Historian.

The supplementary part of the Volume is for a continuance of the personal sketches as occasion may require in the opinion of the Post Historian, also for the preservation of the names, and record of other soldiers' or sailors who enlisted from the immediate locality.

Resolution pages are provided for containing the resolutions passed by the Post upon the death of a member.

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Record of presentation page is designed to contain the action of the Post upon receipt of the Volume.

The Post should obtain permission of the donors for the insertion of a personal sketch, blank pages being provided for that purpose. A sketch of the person after whom the Post is named should also be prepared.

When the Post shall have surrendered its charter this Volume can be preserved by the local municipality, if a suitable depository for safe keeping is provided, or it can be preserved in the archives of the State.

The Volume is respectfully dedicated to the last surviving comrade of the Post by the

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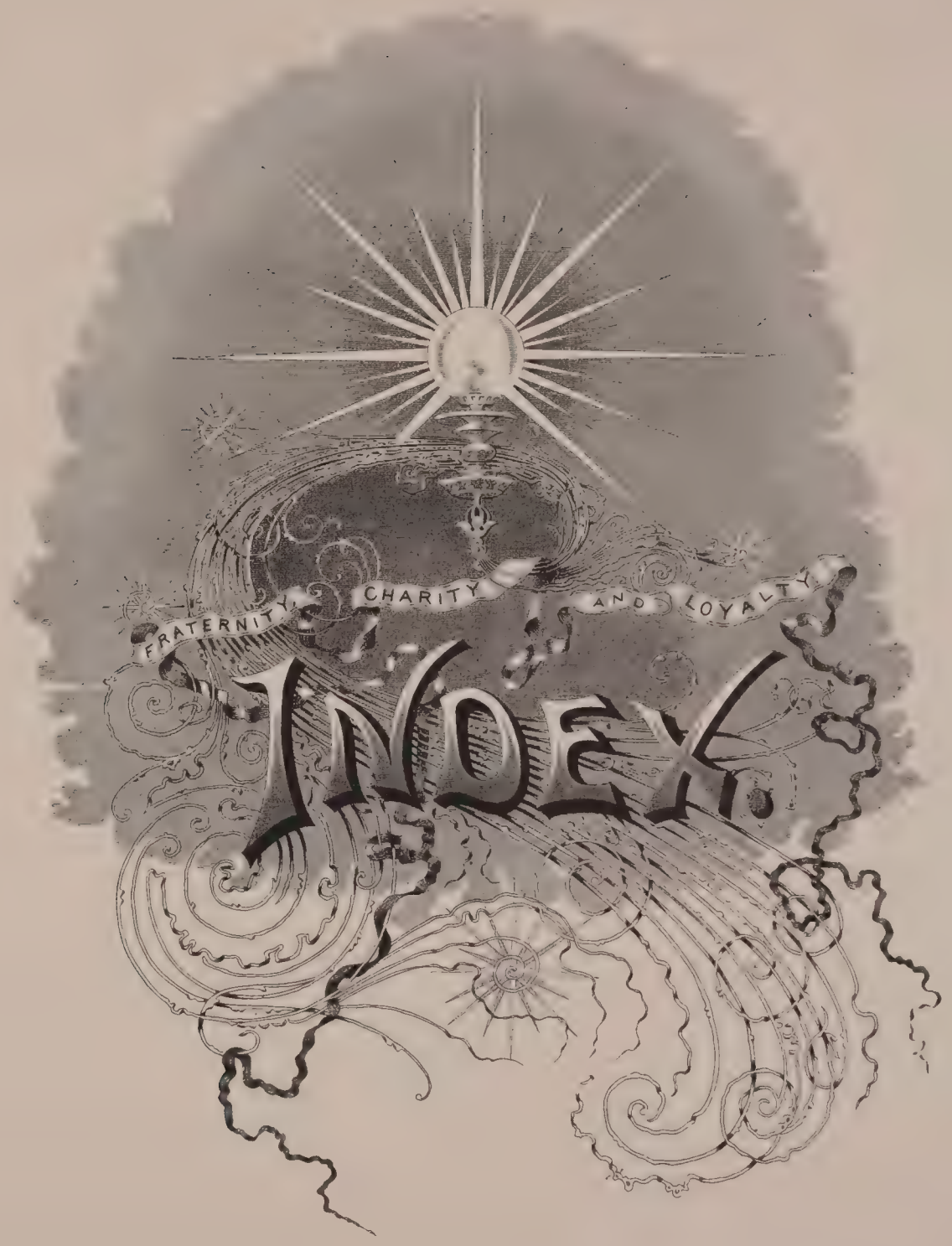

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Record of Presentation and Acceptance.

This Volume was presented to the Post on the thirteenth day of Dec 1890
The presentation address was made by Lorenzo Griswold Esq and the Volume was
accepted on behalf of the Post by Commander Charles B. Dennison

At a meeting of the Post, held on the seventh day of March 1891 the following
resolutions were adopted

Whereas- This Post having received a Memorial Record Book in which may be recorded the military service of every comrade who wore the blue and received an honorable discharge and whereas, this Post believing that the donor Mr. Lorenzo Griswold was actuated by a spirit of patriotism as great as his generosity is unselfish, therefore be it.

Resolved: That while we cannot express in words the deep sense of gratitude we feel towards the donor, who has made it possible for every comrade, however humble, to have his name and the service he rendered to his country handed down to generations unborn, yet we appreciate the gift with hearts overflowing with gratitude

Resolved: That we shall cherish it with loyal and patriotic hearts and endeavor to fill its sacred pages with a record of the services of those in this town who gave their best efforts to their country that the nation might live.

Resolved: That while we tender our thanks to our friend as empty words can do, we still ask of him a personal sketch of the life of one who has made himself so dear to every comrade; and to future generations, who may peruse the history of those who are enrolled on the pages of his most precious gift

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Post as well as on the pages of the Memorial Record Book and a copy of the same be engrossed and forwarded to our friend and patriotic citizen, the donor, Mr. Lorenzo Griswold.

Signed - A. A. Smith
Geo. H. Carpenter
L. B. Moore
} Committee

PERSONAL SKETCH, BIOGRAPHICAL OF

Mr. Lorenzo Griswold who is a personal friend of all soldiers and the donor of this book to G. A. R. Post 20, Colrain, Mass.

Mr. Lorenzo Griswold, son of Mr. Joseph and Louisa M. Denison Griswold, was born on the summer place of his father at Mystic, Conn., on Jan. 5, 1847.

Getting his education at Power's Institute and Williston Seminary, he entered the employ of his father as bookkeeper and in 1865 he was taken into the business, together with his brothers Joseph and Ethan D., and held the position of treasurer for the Griswoldville Mfg. Co. and the Turners Falls Cotton Mills.

Mr. Griswold's business ability was early recognized by his town's people and friends, and in 1890 he was elected President of the Shelburne Falls National Bank, a position which he has held to this day.

When the Shelburne Falls and Colrain Street Railway Co. was organized he was again called upon to aid, and has since been a director of that organization.

He has also been a member of many other important business and educational societies, being President of the trustees of Arms Academy, trustee of the Shelburne Falls Savings Bank and member of the N. E. Society of New York.

In early life, Mr. Griswold showed marked ability along literary lines, and was a power in debate at Williston Seminary at Easthampton, and later in the lyceums of his home town.

In 1889 Brentano's Pub. Co. of New York published his novel "Priest and Puritan," based on the life of the village in which he has lived and so dearly loved. This was received with much acclaim by his friends and received a most gratifying comment from the press of that time.

In 1902 he was a member of "The Club" of Springfield, an exclusive literary club of prominent men, including Judge Knowlton, Chief Justice of Mass., Dr. Philip Moxom, preacher and author, and other prominent men.

In 1907 the Trow press of N. Y. printed his volume of short stories, which was also delightedly received by his friends and again received the cordial and complimentary support of the press.

Mr. Griswold's many energies have shown themselves also in the policies of his home town; altho consistently refusing to hold office, nevertheless he has been a great influence in the town in shaping it with his sound sense and business foresight.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Alvah Perry Nelson

He was born the ninth day of May A.D. 1829 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts

Alvah P. Nelson first entered the service Sept. 9, 1862 at Camp Miller, Greenfield, Mass. He was made Captain of Co. B. 52nd Regiment M. V. M. and held that position to the expiration of his service. He was discharged at Greenfield, Mass. Aug. 19, 1863 by reason of expiration of term of service.

The first battle in which he participated was the Assault on Port Hudson La. June 14, 1863 and was afterwards with a foraging party. In fact the entire Regiment was under fire more or less of the time until Port Hudson surrendered July 8, 1863. A few of his most intimate comrades were First Lieut. Leonard B. Rice, Second Lieut. John V. Buddington, First Sergt. Arthur A. Smith, every member of Co. B. and every officer and private of 52nd Reg. M. V. M. The capture of Port Hudson La. was the most important event in the Capt's. service.

In 1849 Alvah P. Nelson enlisted as private in a company of the 11th Reg. M. V. M. at that time commanded by Capt. S. W. Gleason in Colrain. He served as private, Corporal and Sergt. of said Co. until June 1859 when the 11th and 12th Reg's. were disbanded to form the 10th Reg. M. V. M. The Co. from Colrain was called Co. E. and he was commissioned Capt of that Co. which commission he held until Sept. 1862 when he went to Camp Miller Greenfield, Mass. as Capt. Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M. and was mustered into the U. S. service Oct. 11, 1862.

He died January 6, 1898.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Samuel Ashton.

Who was born the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1845 in Palmer County of Hampden State of Massachusetts

Samuel Ashton first entered the service Jan. 4, 1864 at Colrain, Mass with rank of private in Co. I 34th Reg. M.V.M. He was first discharged Jan. 21, 1866 at Richmond, Va. by reason of close of war. In June 1865 he was transferred to 24th Reg. M.V.M. and was finally discharged as above stated. The first battle in which he was engaged was Newmarket, Va. and he was afterwards engaged in the following battles: Piedmont, Winchester, Fisher Hill, Cedar Creek, Petersburg and was in line at Appomattox in front of Genl. Lee at time of his surrender. The most important event to him was the battle of Cedar Creek when Sheridan saved the day by riding from Winchester twenty miles away. He was faithful to none but a comrade to all.

He died August 1, 1912.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Henry A. Howard

Who was born the second day of May A. D. 1842 in Buckland County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Henry A. Howard first entered the service Aug. 27, 1862 at Greenfield Mass., and joined Banks expedition bound to New Orleans La. Upon entering the service he was made Sergt. of Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. I. At the close of the war he was musician. He was first discharged Aug. 17, 1863 at Greenfield Mass upon expiration of enlistment. He reenlisted in the 2nd and 6th Mass. Light Artillery and was finally discharged June 19, 1865 pursuant to orders of the War Dept. in Genl. Orders No. 64 Head Quarters Military Div. of West Miss., current series. The first battle in which he was engaged was Indian Bend La. and the most important event in his service was the Seige at Port Hudson. Among his most intimate comrades in the service were Loren B. Moore, J. Frank Brown, Arthur A. Smith and A. M. Bissell.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Arthur Alan Smith

He was born the nineteenth day of December A.D. 1841 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Arthur A. Smith was first mustered into the service Oct. 11, 1862 in Camp Miller Greenfield, Mass. as First Sergt. Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M. and was discharged at Greenfield, Mass., Aug. 14, 1863 by reason of expiration of term of serv'd. Was prevented fro. reenlisting on account of rheumatism. The first battle in which he was engaged was at Fort Hudson, La June 14, 1863 where he was in command of the Co. He was confined in Regimental Hospital at Baton Rouge and afterwards at U. S. Barracks Hospital at New Orleans, La.

Among his most intimate comrades in the service were H. M. Peterson, Henry A. Bovard, F. N. Lariam, Albert Robertson, Charles B. Dennison William G. Stone, F. N. Rugg and James P. Robertson. The most important event in his service was his recovery from an attact of rheumatism also the capture of Port Hudson La. after twenty eight days of continuous fighting.

Arthur A. Smith was the son of Rominor Smith whose grand father Maj. Hezekiah Smith was in command at Fort Ticonderoga in 1777 and his son Rominor Smith was Commissary Sergt.

His mothers maiden name was Sarah Snow Willis daughter of Maj. Daniel Willis whose father Hopestill Willis was a member of the Sudbury Co. which was at the battle of Lexington and afterwards served as Lieut. during the war of the Revolution.

After close of war Arthur A. Smith was commissioned Capt. of the State Militia by War Governor John A. Andrews.

He passed away from this life at the home of his daughter March 21, 1907.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade David W. Snow

Who was born the twenty nineth day of August A.D. 1837 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts

David W. Snow first entered the service Sept. 5, 1864 at Morganzia Bend La. as private in 2nd Mass. Light Artillery. While in the service he served as gunner and on Feb. 1, 1865 was promoted to Corporal which position he held until close of war. In Nov. 1864 he was transferred to 6th Mass. Light Artillery at mouth of Red River. He was discharged June 19, 1865 at New Orleans La. by order of War Dept. in General Order No. 64. Some of his most intimate comrades were H. A. Howard, James H. Davis, David Thomas, Edmund B. Curtis and Gould E. Parker. To him the most important event in the service was the Capture of Rebel Ram Arkansas.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Henry Clay Cronack

Who was born the tenth day of September A.D. 1843 in

Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts

Henry C. Cronack first entered the service Aug. 27, 1862 at Colrain, Mass as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M.V.M. He was discharged Aug. 17. 1863 at Greenfield, Mass by reason of expiration of enlistment. The first battle in which he was engaged was the Seige at Port Hudson. He was confined in hospital at Baton Rouge La. from Jan. 13. until Mar. 28, 1863. among his most intimate comrades were Ezra A. Shattuck, Amasa A. Pratt, Edward Davenport and John Smead.

Henry C. Cronack was great grandson of Jonah Jackson who was in the Revolutionary War six years where he received a bullett in the shoulder and carried it to his grave. He was grandson of George Walkup who served in the War of 1812.

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Comrade Edgar F. Copeland

Who was born the nineteenth day of January A. D. 1844 in Dover County of Windham State of Vermont

Edgar F. Copeland entered the service July 8, 1862 at Brattleboro Vt. as private in Co. K. 9th Vt. Infantry. He was discharged June 13, 1865 at Richmond Va. by order of War Dept. The first battle in which he was engaged was at Winchester Va. Sept. 23, 1862. He was later engaged in the following battles: Harpers Ferry Va. Sept. 13 to 15, Seige of Suffolk Va. May and June 1863 for fifty days, Gloucester Court House Va. July 25, Newport Barracks N. C. Feb. 2-3, 1864, Jacksonville N. C. June 22, 1864, Chapins Farm Va. Sept. 29, 1864, Fair Oaks Va. Oct. 27, 1864 and Fall of Richmond Va., Apr. 3, 1865. The pickets from the 9th Reg. were the First Infantry in the city of Richmond where they were on the right wing and acted in concert with the left wing where most of the fighting was done. He was also in skirmishes in North Carolina and was taken prisoner at Harpers Ferry Va. Sept. 15, 1862 where he was later paroled. His most intimate comrades were Michael Sears, David S. Baker, Thomas Kasman, Myron L. Corbett and Charles Jackson.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Zenas P. Dunton

Who was born the sixteenth day of April A.D. 1842 in

Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts

Zenas P. Dunton was mustered into the service Oct. 11, 1862 at Greenfield, Mass as private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M. He was first discharged Aug. 14, 1863 at Greenfield, Mass. upon expiration of service. He then tried to reenlist but was rejected by the examining Surgeon on account of disabilities contracted in first service. The first battle in which he was engaged was at Bisland La. Apr. 12 to 14, 1863. Was later engaged in the Seige at Port Hudson La. June 14, 1863, and at Jackson Roads La. June 20, 1863. His intimate comrades were M. M. Fisk, Frankel C. Miller, William A. Russell, Arthur A. Smith, Philetus York and Charles L. Keyes. The charge on Port Hudson La. the 14th of June was the most important event in his service. He was with his Co. on all occasions and always answered at Roll Call. His great grandfather was Aaron Cary who served in the Revolution and his grandfather, Zenas Cary, served in the War of 1812.

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OF

Comrade Henry M. Howard

Who was born the twelfth day of April A. D. 1843 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Henry M. Howard entered the service Oct. 23, 1862 at Greenfield Mass. as private in Co. B, 52nd Reg. M.V.M. He was first discharged Aug. 14, 1863 at Greenfield, Mass. upon expiration of service. Feb. 6, 1864 he reenlisted in Co. C, 21st Reg. Mass. Vet. Vols. and on Oct. 21, 1864 was transferred to Co. F, 36th Reg. M.V.M. He was again transferred June 8, 1865 to Co. F, 56th Reg. Mass. Vet. Vols. and was finally discharged July 12, 1865 at Alexandria, Va. by reason of close of war. The first battle in which he was engaged was the Assault on Port Hudson June 14, 1863. He later participated in the battle of Poplar Grove Church Va. Sept. 30, 1864 and was all through the Seige of Petersburg Va. from Sept. 1864 to the final assault and capture April 2, 1865. He was in U. S. Genl. Hospital West Philadelphia, Pa. from May 1, to the latter part of Sept. 1864, on account of an accident.

Some of his most intimate comrades were F. E. Clark, E. L. Wright, Geo. H. Nichols and Otis W. Clark. The assault on Port Hudson, battle of Poplar Grove Church, seige, assault and capture of Petersburg Va. and the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Va. were the most important events in his service.

He died May 29, 1910.

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Comrade Joel L. Clark

Who was born the fourteenth day of May A. D. 1838 in Guilford County of Windham State of Vermont

Joel L. Clark entered the service Aug. 29, 1862 at Colrain, Mass., as private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M. and was discharged Aug. 14, 1863 at Greenfield, Mass. by reason of expiration of term of service. The first battle in which he was engaged was Irish Bend, La. He was confined for a time in Marine Hospital. His most intimate comrades were Jonas F. Dunton, Charles Hamilton and Abram Tanner.

The fight on Port Hudson when Farragut, lashed to the Flag ship Hartford, passed the forts also the march to and from Barrels Landing were the most important events in his service.

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OF

Comrade Hosea F. Purrington

Who was born the twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1840 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts

Hosea F. Purrington entered the service Sept. 1, 1862 at Greenfield, Mass. as private in Co. B, 52nd Reg. M. V. M. He was discharged Aug. 14, 1863 at Greenfield, Mass. by reason of expiration of term of service. The first battle in which he was engaged was at Fort Butler, Donelsonville, La. In Mar. 1863 he was confined in Hospital at Baton Rouge. His most intimate comrades were A. A. Smith, C. B. Dennison, F. W. Rugg, V. D. Thompson, Foster Merriam, Silas Moore and L. B. Moore.

The battle of Fort Butler was the most important event in his service

He passed away from this life at his home at Shattuckville Nov. 20, 91.

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OF

Comrade Edwin Davenport

Who was born the second day of December A.D. 1834 in Corinth County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Edwin Davenport first enlisted Sept. 27, 1862 at Corinth as Private in Co. B. 52nd Regt. Mass. Vols.

He was sworn in at Camp Miller, Greenfield, Mass, October 11, 1862.

On October 28, 1862 he was promoted to Corporal which position he held until death.

He was engaged in battle on April 13, 1863; also was in another engagement on April 17, 1863.

He died in the Hospital at Brashear City, La., May 25, 1863 of typhoid fever.

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OF

Comrade Justin Wilson Rugg.

Who was born the twenty-eighth day of October A.D. 1845 in Stain County of Suffolk State of Massachusetts.

Justin Wilson Rugg first entered the service Sept. 1, 1862 at Lynnfield, Mass. as a private in Co. B. 50th Regt. Mass. Vol.

He remained a private until discharged at Lynnfield, Mass. August 14, 1863 when his term of service expired.

He died May 3rd 1913.

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OF

Comrade James W. Carpenter

Who was born the tenth day of December A.D. 1835 in Whitingh County of State of Vermont.

James W. Carpenter first entered the service August 2, 1862 at Colrain as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was confined for a time in Marine hospital, New Orleans.

He was discharged at Greenfield August 14, 1863.

After his discharge he followed the occupation of farmer in Colrain until the time of his death which came June 12, 1914.

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OF

Comrade Amasa K. York

Who was born the twenty-second day of November A.D. 1840 in Hoosac County of State of New York.

Amasa K. York first entered the service July 15, 1864 as a private in Co. K. 60th Reg. M.V.M.

He was discharged Nov. 30, 1864 by reason of expiration of term of service.

He was stationed at Indianapolis, Indiana to guard prisoners.

Malory V. York and many of the other boys were his intimate [illegible] and unevent[illegible]

He died April 18, 1895.

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OF

Comrade Amos Bardwell

Who was born the eighth day of July A.D. 1839 in

Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Amos Bardwell first entered the service Sept. 9, 1862 at Camp Miller, Greenfield, Mass. as a private in Co. D. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was discharged at Greenfield, Mass. Aug. 14, 1863 at expiration of term of service.

He was enrolled in the Hospital at Bayou Evans, La. during April and May, 1863, and in General Hospital at New Orleans, La. during June and July, 1863.

E. J. Rees, C. Emerson Baldwin, Fred W. Patrick, Edward A. Whitney, James L. Boynton, and William Bliss were among his most intimate comrades.

The most important events of his service were the march from Baton Rouge for Port Hudson and from Donaldsonville towards Thibadeaux between March 13th and 31st 1863.

He died Dec. 26, 1865 at the age of 26 years, 5 months and 15 days.

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OF

Comrade James Elwin Read

Who was born the twenty-sixth day of July A.D. 1846 in Heath County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

James Elwin Read first entered the service in July 1864 at Colrain as a private in Co. H. 2nd Reg. Massachusetts Artillery.

He was discharged from Portsmouth Grove Hospital, Rhode Island, July 1865, it being the close of the war.

He was confined in the hospital in the south and was transfered to Portsmouth Grove, R. I.

He says, "The hardest service for me was a long march, camping at night in a corn field in a rain, and waking in the morning to find a stream of water running under my head. That was the cause of my going to the hospital."

He lived at Griswoldville, Mass, and was employed by the Griswold Manufacturing Co. for some time before his death.

He died Sept. 25, 1902.

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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Hiram Lyndon Mc Cloud.

Who was born the thirteenth day of July A.D. 1825 in Rowe County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Hiram L. Mc Cloud first entered the service at Colrain, Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was first discharged at Greenfield Aug. 14, 1863 by reason of expiration of term of service.

He re-enlisted in Co. K. 60th Reg. M.V.M, and was finally discharged at Boston June 5, 1864, as full term of service had expired.

He was engaged in the battle at Port Hudson, La. but was never wounded in the hospital.

He considers "The Siege at Port Hudson" the most important event in my service."

The most intimate comrades were Charles Shaw, George Pierce, Henry M. Howard, Hiram F. Hamilton, Arthur A. Smith and Frank Miller.

He died June 15, 1900.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Vicenlio D. Thompson

Who was born the twenty-ninth day of July A.D. 1834 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts

Vicenlio D. Thompson first entered the service at Greenfield, Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was discharged August 14, 1863 at Greenfield, Mass. by reason of expiration of term of service.

He was engaged in the siege at Port Hudson, La. June 13, 63 and was confined in the hospital at Baton Rouge, La. in the Spring of 1863.

Some of his most intimate comrades in the service were A. Smith, S. B. Ware, Silas A. Howe, A. L. Smith, A. A. Thompson and Wm. Andrews.

He says, The most important event in this service was the Battle at Port Hudson.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Abraham Tanner.

He was from the fourth day of December A.D. 18 5 in
County of State of England.

Abraham Tanner first entered the service October 11, 1862 at Greenfield Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M. His term of enlistment had expired he was discharged Aug. 14, 1863 at Greenfield, Mass.

He re-enlisted in the Battle at Port Hudson, La. in June 1863 which proved to be the most important event in his service.

His most intimate comrades in the service were Arthur A. Smith, Amos Temple, Henry Temple, Charles Hamilton and Henry A. Howard.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Henry Martyn Temple

Who was born the second day of December A.D. 1830 in South County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Henry M. Temple first entered the service at Greenfield, Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M. He was discharged Aug. 14, 1863 at Greenfield, Mass. by reason of the expiration of his term of service.

He was at one time transferred to Ambulance [illegible] Army Corps.

His first engagement was at Franklin, La. and he also participated in the seige at Port Hudson and the "Running of the Mississippi River." These were important events in his service.

His most intimate comrades in the service were Abraham Tanner and Edwin Sumner.

His great grandfather was in the French and Revolutionary Wars, and his father in the War of 1812.

He died July 2, 1898.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Amasa Durling Shippee.

He was born the twenty-first day of May A.D. 1841 in Greenfield in the County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Amasa D. Shippee entered the service at the opening of the War in 1861 at Balston Spa, N. Y. as a private in Co. C. 77th Reg. N. Y. Volunteers.

On Nov. 1, 1862 he was given the office of Corporal, promoted to Sergeant May 7, 1863, and Jan. 28, 1865 he was again promoted to the office of First Sergeant which rank he held until the close of the War.

He re-enlisted Feb. 2, 1864, and was transferred to "A" of the Battalion Nov. 9, 1864 at Washington, D. C.

He was finally discharged at the close of the War June 27, 1865.

He participated in the battle of the Wilderness, up to which time on May 5, 1864 he was wounded in the left leg.

His intimate comrades in the service were U. W. Gordon, S. C. Yates Chas. A. Davis, Gilbert Thomas and Stephen A. Pierce.

He passed away from this earth Nov. 26, 1903.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Francis E. Clark.

Who was born the seventh day of January A.D. 1841 in Marlborough County of State of Vermont.

Francis E. Clark first entered the service Aug. 22, 1861 at Worcester, Mass. as a recruit in Co. C 2d Reg. He was first discharged Dec. 31, 1863 at Blains Cross Roads, Tenn. By reason of re-enlistment as Veteran Volunteer. He was twice transferred, first to 36th Reg. of Mass. Oct. 21, 1864; second to 56th Reg. of Mass. June 8, 1865.

He was finally discharged July 2, 1865 near Alexandria, Va. By special order No. 162.

The first battle in which he was engaged was at Roanoke Is. N.C. Feb. 8, 1862. He also participated in a number of other battles, named; Newbern, N.C. March 14; Camden, N.C. Apr. 19; Manassas; 2nd Bull Run, Va.; Chantilly, Va.; South Mountain, Md.; Antietam, Md.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Blue Springs, Tenn.; Campbell Station, Tenn.; Siege of Knoxville, Tenn. from Nov. 17, to Dec. 4, 1863; and the Wilderness, Va.

He was confined in hospital in '64 at Annapolis and Baltimore, Md. He was taken prisoner May 6, '63 at the battle of the Wilderness, Va. and confined in Andersonville, Ga. from May to Sept. '63. and Florence, S.C. from Sept. '63 to March '64.

His most intimate comrades in the service were Edward Ely, Lute Sammis and Henry Howard.

He deems returning to the Union lines after being paroled the most important event in his service.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Amasa A. White.

Who was born the twenty-eighth day of January A.D. 1843 in
County of Franklin State of Massachusetts

Amasa A. White entered the service
Sept. 3, 1862.
He was discharged at Greenfield
Aug. 14, 1863.
During his service he was con-
fined in a hospital for a time.
His most intimate comrades in
the army were Ed Wilson and
A. H. Patterson.
He died at Colrain, Oct. 26. 5

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Frank C. Miller.

Who was born the fourth day of September A.D. 1842 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Frank C. Miller first entered the service Aug. 27, 1862 at Camp Miller, Greenfield Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was discharged at Greenfield, Mass. Aug. 17, 1863 because his term of service had expired.

As most intimate comrades in the service were Samuel C. Miner, James B. Miner, Albert Robertson, Harley Barber, James Robertson and Edward Browning.

The most important event during his service was the siege at Port Hudson.

He died at Colrain, Mass. Dec. 26, '63.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Hans Martin Petersson.

Who was born the second day of June A.D. 1840 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Hans M. Peterson first entered the service Aug. 27 1862 at Colrain as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M.V.M.

He was discharged at Greenfield, Mass. Aug. 14 1863 because his term of service had expired.

He was engaged in the battle at Indian Ridge and the siege at Port Hudson.

He was confined in hospitals at New Orleans in June and July 1863.

Some of his most intimate comrades in the service were A. W. Thomhson, J. W. Carpenter, E. J. Wilson and W. D. Thomhson.

He served in the battle at Donaldson and the siege at Port Hudson the most important events of his service.

The 52nd Regiment were the first troops to make the voyage of the Mississippi River after it had been cleared by the Capture of Vicksburg by Gen. Grant and Port Hudson by Gen. Banks.

He died Feb. 18, 1907.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Edwin R. King.

Who was born the twenty-fifth day of March A.D. 1838 in Charlemont County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Edwin R. King first entered the service Aug. 22, 1861 at Readville, Mass. as a private in Co. A. 20th Reg. M. V. M.

He was first discharged [illegible], 1861 at [illegible], Maryland, and re-enlisted July 6, 1864 in Co. K. 60th Reg. M. V. M.

He was finally discharged at Boston, Mass. Nov. 1864 by reason of expiration of term of service.

He was engaged in the battle of Balls Bluff Oct. 21, 1861 after which he was confined in hospital at Camp Benton for a time.

Some of his most intimate comrades in the service were George E. Tower, 1st Sergeant Co. A. 20th Reg. M. V. M.; John Merchant; Capt. Chandler; J. Woodward; George Coates.

Caleb, Joshua and John King, his great uncles were in the Revolutionary War and one of their boys, John King, commanded a Regiment at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

He died May 22, 1909

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Charles B. Dennison.

Who was born the seventeenth day of January A.D. 1840 in Halifax County of State of Vermont.

Charles B. Dennison first entered the service Aug. 20. 1862 at Colrain, Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

Later he was promoted to Corporal which office he held until the close of the war.

He was transferred in Jan. 1863 to the Engineer Corps.

He was discharged Aug. 14, 1863 at [illegible], Mass, his term of service having Expired.

He was engaged in the Siege at Port Hudson, La., which he considered the most important event in his service.

Some of his most intimate comrades were Thomas L. Jewett, Edward Leavitt and Uriah T. Darling.

His great grandfather, Nathaniel Dennison was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

He died October 15, 1915.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Philetus York.

Who was born the twenty-eighth day of February A.D. 1840 in Hoosac County of State of New York.

Philetus York first entered the service at Greenfield, Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was never discharged only by death resulting from service and exposure. The end came Aug. 23, 1863.

He was engaged in the battle at Port Hudson, La. in 1863, and was afterward confined in hospital at New Orleans.

This battle and his hospital life were the most important events in his service.

He was sick when he came home and was unable to give any account of his experience.

He told his mother he had brought his bones home to be laid away.

His most intimate comrades in the service were Houghton Payne, Genas J. Dunton, William A. Russell and A. A. Smith.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade George Henry Carpenter.

Who was born the twenty-fifth day of September A.D. 1835 in Waterbury County of State of Vermont.

George H. Carpenter entered the service of Illinois in 1861 as a private in Co. E. 13th Regiment.

He held the offices of Corporal and Captain, the latter of which he held until the close of the war.

He was discharged only at the close of the war.

He received a wound in his hand.

Two of his most intimate comrades were Mr. Partridge and Mr. Wells.

He lived in Colrain during the last of his life where he was a very efficient postmaster in the office of Griswoldville Mfg. Co, and a very zealous Church worker. In short he was a man much respected by all.

He passed away from this life November 29, 1871.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Levi Erving Call.

Who was born the seventh day of January A. D. 1845 in Buckland County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Levi E. Call first entered the service Aug. 27, 1862 at Greenfield, Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was first discharged Aug. 14, 1863, at Greenfield, Mass. by reason of expiration of term of service.

He re-enlisted in the 2nd Battery of Mass. Light Artillery, Sept. 30, 1864.

He was finally discharged June 1, 1865 at Vicksburg, Miss. by reason of orders from War Department to all whose time expired on or before October 1, 1865.

He engaged in the siege at Port Hudson June 14, 1863, and also at Little Ascombia River.

He was confined in hospital at Franklin, Louisiana in May 1863.

His most intimate comrades were James Avery, Jonas Dunton, Marcus M. Fisk, Charles Sylvester, Charles Hamilton and John A. Robertson.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Hugh W. Thompson.

Who was born the twenty-third day of September A. D. 1836 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Hugh W. Thompson first entered the service Aug. 27, 1862, at Colrain, Mass. as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was discharged Aug. 14, 1863, at Greenfield, Mass. by reason of expiration of term of service.

He was engaged in the battle at Irish Bend, La., and the siege at Port Hudson.

He died November 19, 1913.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade John Henry Curtis.

Who was born the ___ day of ___ A.D. 1843 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

John H. Curtis enlisted in Colrain as a drummer in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He also served in Co. A. 10th Reg. and in Co. K. 60th Reg.

After the war he served for a time as clerk in the store of his brothers at Colrain.

He died in August 19..

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Loren B. Moore

Who was born in the town of Dover County of in the day of October A. D. 1830 in State of Vermont.

Loren B. Moore first entered the service Aug. 28, 1862 from Colrain as Color Sargent in Co. B. 52nd Regt. M. V. M. He was discharged Aug. 14, 1863, his time having expired.

After the war he was a farmer and carpenter in Colrain.

He passed away from this life October 17, 1904.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade William Martin

Who was born the twenty-ninth day of August A.D. 1833 in Guilford County of State of Vermont.

William Martin first entered the service August 11, 1862 as a private at Guilford, Vt. in Co. E. 11th Vermont Infantry.

He was finally discharged at the close of the War in June 1865.

He fought in the Battle of Winchester and participated in several other engagements.

He was never wounded, confined in hospital, or taken prisoner.

His most intimate comrades in the service were G. Mc Clure, E. Lynde and L. Frizzell.

He lived for some years in Colrain as a farmer from which he retired in later life and resided in Greenfield.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Benjamin F. Miller.

Who was born the twenty-second day of June A.D. 1838 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Benjamin F. Miller first entered the service Dec. 31, 1864, at Boston, Mass. as a private in Co. E. 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry.

He was discharged Sept. 28, 1865, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

One of his very intimate comrades was Capt. Martin V. Barney.

He passed away from this life July 3, 1913.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Samuel Clesson Severance.

Who was born the first day of August A.D. 1836 in Leyden County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Samuel C. Severance first entered the service Sept. 8, 1862, at Greenfield as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M.V.M.

He was promoted to the rank of corporal in June 1863, which rank he held until close of war.

He was discharged first and finally at Greenfield by reason of expiration of term of service.

The first battle in which he fought was at Barre's Landing La.; and he also participated in the engagements at Donaldsonville, Blackmer and Port Hudson.

He was confined in hospital at New Orleans as much as six weeks, and was there when the Regiment came home. When they left him there they did not think he would ever be able to come home, but later he came up by boat to New York and thence home by train.

Some of his most intimate comrades were Henry Severance, Frank Miller, Hosea Purrington, Uriah Darling and Simon Reed.

He says "The blowing up of gunboats in the Mississippi river while we were at Port Hudson, was a magnificent sight." He also saw the State House burned at Baton Rouge, La.

When the Regiment was off Cape Hatteras going south they encountered such a severe storm it was feared they would go to the bottom. The Alabama was following them but made no attack.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade William Henry Severance.

Who was born the third day of Sept. A.D. 1839 in New Haven County of State of New York.

William H. Severance first entered the service Sept. 8, 1862 at Greenfield as a private in Co. B, 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He was discharged Aug. 14, 1863, by reason of expiration of term of service.

He was taken very sick with typhoid fever at the house of his uncle, C. E. Severance before the Regiment went south; and did not get able to leave for the first tile January; consequently he did not join the Regiment which was in Louisiana until April so saw very little service except at Port Hudson.

After the war he became a druggist at Middleville, Mich.

He died June 19, 1909.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Frederic W. Shippee.

Who was born the eighth day of Sept. A. D. 1839 in Griswoldville County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Frederic W. Shippee first entered the service August 20, 1862, at Watertown, N. Y. as a Private in Co. M., 10th Regiment, N. Y. H. Artillery.

He was discharged June 23, 1865, at Petersburg, Virginia, by order of War Department.

Some of his most intimate comrades were Capt. John Armstrong, C. L. Putnam, Albert Soper and Capt. Campbell.

For many years of his later life he was in the employ of Griswold Mf'g. Co. at Griswoldville, Mass.

He died at his home in the same village Sept. 12, 1907.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade George W. Adams.

Who was born the twenty-seventh day of Jan. A.D. 1831 in Heath County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

George W. Adams first entered the service from Colrain Sept. 11, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

After the war he followed the occupation of farmer in the town of Charlemont, Mass.

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PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

OF

Comrade Harley M. Barber.

Who was born the fourteenth day of November A. D. 1842 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Harley M. Barber enlisted at Greenfield Nov. 19, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Regiment, M. V. M. He died of typhoid fever August 23, 1863.

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Comrade Alonzo R. Brown.

Who was born the fifteenth day of August A. D. 1835 in Shelburne County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Alonzo R. Brown enlisted at Colrain, Nov. 19, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. Mass. V. M.

After the war he became a mechanic in Holyoke.

He died Nov. 4, 1893.

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Comrade Edward P. Browning.

Who was born the seventeenth day of Sept. A.D. 1842 in Colrain. County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Edward P Browning enlisted at Colrain Sept. 1, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He died at Port Hudson, July 23, 1863, the day the regiment left for home.

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Comrade Otis W. Clark

Who was born the ____ day of ____ A.D. 1847 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Otis W. Clark enlisted at Colrain Sept. 3, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He re-enlisted in 21st M. V. M. and in the regular army for ten years.

Later he lived in Montague as a farmer.

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Comrade Seth A. Curtis.

Who was born the _____ day of _____ A. D. 1836 in
Richmond County of State of New Hampshire.

Seth A. Curtis enlisted at Colrain Sept. 11, 1862 as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M. He died at Baton Rouge, March 10, 1863.

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Comrade Uriah Darling

Who was born the eleventh day of June A. D. 1836 in Leyden County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Uriah Darling enlisted at Colrain, Sept. 8, 1862, as a corporal in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He served in the Commissary Department of 52nd Reg.

He was postmaster, justice of the peace, and later farmer in Leyden.

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OF

Comrade James H. Davis.

Who was born the day of A. D. 1843 in

Whitingham County of State of Vermont.

James H. Davis enlisted at Colrain, Sept. 1862 as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

After his discharge he became a member of Nebraska Legislature and President of First National Bank at Gibbon, Nebraska.

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Comrade James B. Miner

Who was born the twenty-eighth day of Jan. A.D. 1845 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

James B. Miner enlisted at Colrain Sept. 2, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

Later in life he became a clergyman and resided in Brewster.

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Comrade Benjamin F. Miner.

Who was born the sixth day of March A.D. 1845 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Benjamin F. Miner enlisted at Colrain, Aug. 25, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

Afterward he became a tin peddler and resided in Orange.

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Comrade Clark E. Morrison.

Who was from the thirteenth day of August A. D. 1828 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

Clark E. Morrison enlisted at Charlemont Sept. 3, 1862 as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.
He died in Charlemont, October 1, 1863.

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Comrade Charles H. Porter.

Who was born in the Middlebury County of day of A.D. 1836 in State of Vermont.

Charles H. Porter enlisted at Colrain, Sept. 11, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.
After the war he became a farmer at Charlemont, Mass.

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Comrade William H. Stone.

Who was born the day of 18[illegible] in

County of State of New York.

William H. Stone enlisted at Colrain, Sept. 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.
He died in Colrain Feb. 28, 1864.

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Comrade John Smead

Who was born the first day of Aug. A.D. 1842 in Colrain County of Franklin State of Massachusetts.

John Smead enlisted at Colrain, Aug. 27, 1862, as a private in Co. B. 52nd Reg. M. V. M.

He re-enlisted Aug. 31, 1864, in 2nd Battery Light Artillery, and was discharged June 11, 1865.

His later residence was Toledo, Ohio.

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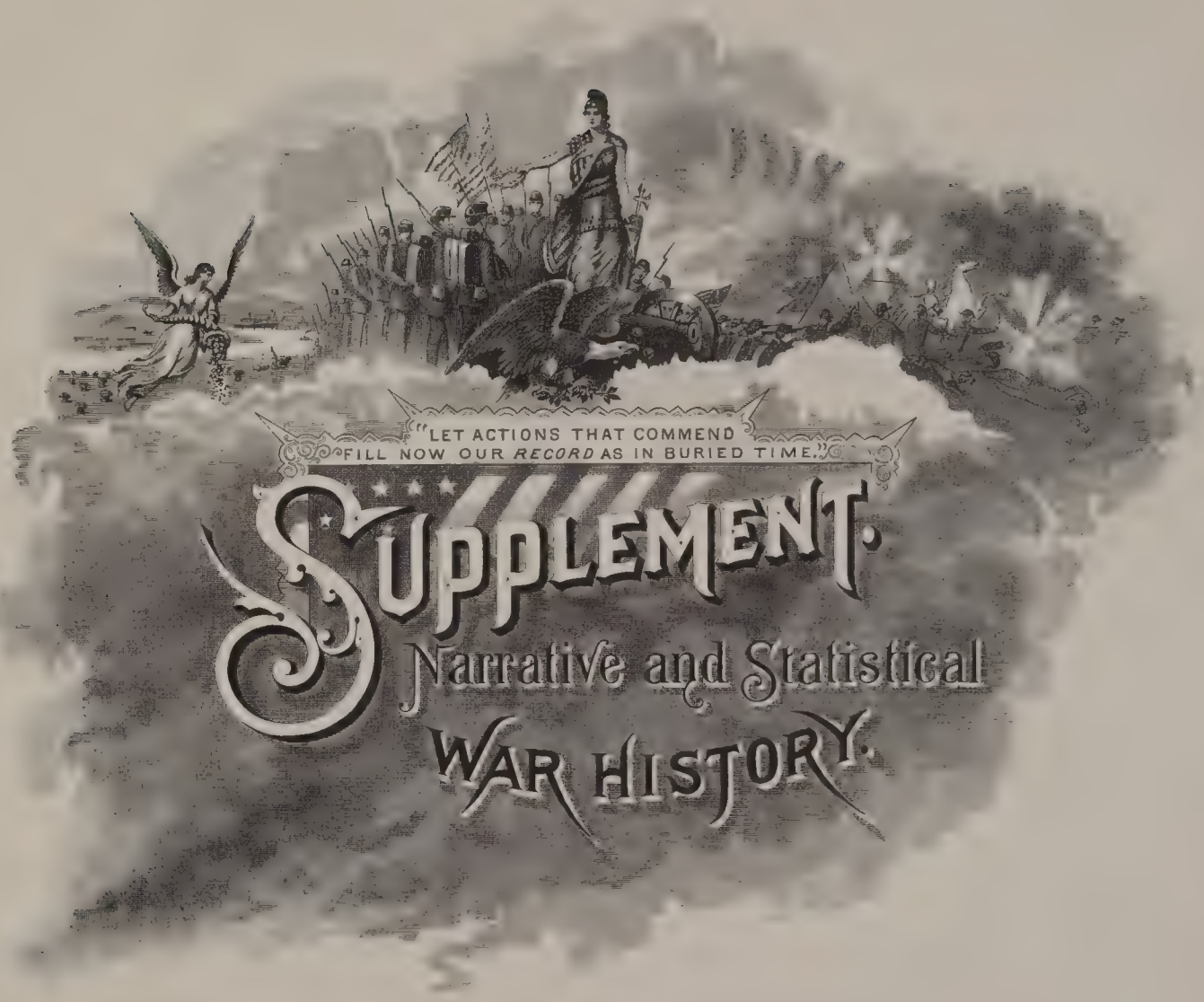

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Halbert S. Greenleaf.

The true and manly man, Halbert S. Greenleaf, was born in Guilford, Vt., April 2, 1821, the eldest son and child of Jeremiah and Elvira C. Greenleaf. His father was a man of ability, an active & earnest educational worker, and highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. Madam Greenleaf, his mother, was a most rare and beautiful woman, the daughter of Simon Stevens, M. D., and sister of Dr. Benjamin W. Stevens physicians of high standing in this locality.

The boyhood of our friend was passed, like that of New England country boys generally, mostly on a farm, with common and academic schools; the latter, after the age of eighteen, acquired by teaching village schools in winter, to help out finances. His laborious and hardy self-dependent life resulted in developing a sturdy, self-reliant manhood, with clear views of right and wrong, a keen sense of justice, and deep and abiding love of Country and Liberty.

At the age of twenty-one, young Greenleaf left farming and began teaching his fathers system of grammar in various parts of the country. One summer he diversified this life by taking together with a life long friend, a trip as a voyage, sailing before the mast for six months. Shortly after his majority he traveled extensively as agent for various enterprises through the Miami and Indiana States, for two years.

In June, 1852, he married Miss Emma Louise daughter of John Brooks, M. D. of Bernardston, Mass. and took up his residence in Shelburne Falls on the same state, where he engaged in various kinds of business, at one time working at the bench in a cutlery. From this position he became general manager for the firm of Arms and Axes, manufacturers of all descriptions, sizes and styles, in Buffalo, Chicago, Boston and St. Louis. In 1857, Mr. Greenleaf assisted in the organization of a military company, of which he was made first sergeant of Co. I, 2nd Regiment Infantry, M. V. M. Little did these young men think at that time in donning the insignia of war, which they then assumed for

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resignation, would need to be worn in their Country's defense. The captain of the company soon resigning, Mr Greenleaf succeeded him, and later, when business and increasing family ties resigned, the office fell upon Mr Miller. In 1857, Mr Greenleaf decided to unite with Mr Linus Yale, jr. of Philadelphia in the making of burglar and fire locks, of which Mr. Yale was the inventor, leaving Captain Miller to continue the business in Bellevue, Pa, and it was in Philadelphia that the tidings of the Civil War found him.

One of the first companies to respond to the call for troops was that commanded by Captain Miller, and Mr Greenleaf's regret for his act of resignation was most poignant. Captain Miller had a family of little children, and to this unselfish man it seemed impossible to suffer this time to be shared by the husband and father while he remained safely at home, and he implored Captain Miller to allow him to go in his stead, but Mr Miller, recalling chivalrous days, refused. From that time there was no peace of mind for the one left behind, and when, in July, 1862, Major Miller fell, fatally wounded, at Malvern Hill, the brave friend started his affairs as best he could to take his place in the ranks of his Country's defenders. The September following found him engaged with others in raising the 52nd Regiment, in which he enlisted as a private, and of which he was subsequently made colonel, and with which he went through its term of service in Louisiana, terminating with the fall of Port Hudson.

It was while engaged in his work in Louisiana that a friend greatly interested in the Farmers Miller at this day wrote Colonel Greenleaf to ask him what his political position was, suggesting that possibly he was a Democrat. The reply came swiftly back: "No, I am not to be classed as anything politically; I am a Loyal Patriot and shall know no politics until this war is over and our land has peace once more."

Colonel Greenleaf came home from the

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war to find himself financially ruined and soon went back to the South in compliance with a request from General Banks that he should raise a regiment of shurh shooters from among the soldiers with an enlisting term left them free to re-enlist for such a purpose. This plan failed of success owing to General Banks not abiding by his part of the agreement. Later Colonel Greenleaf engaged in running a steamboat, the Colonel Bennett, on the Lower Mississippi in the Government service.

When the war closed, Mr. Greenleaf resigned his command and went back to the old home in Sandusky Falls, where a most delightful summer was passed, followed, in September, by a removal to Rochester, N. Y., whither Mr. James Greenleaf, formerly of Massachusetts, had removed and had engaged in the manufacture of time and treasury locks and desired his assistance.

In February, Mr. Greenleaf was called to Louisiana to take the superintendence of a valuable salt mine in Petite Anse, on Avery's Island, where he remained for a year and a half, having many interesting experiences during the beginning of the Reconstruction period in that State.

In 1867, Mr. Greenleaf again yielded to the solicitation of Mr. Sargent and returned to Rochester where he formed a co-partnership with that gentleman which remained unbroken until his death.

In Rochester, as elsewhere, he entered heartily into the activities and progressive life of the place, taking active work for a Mechanic's Institute, becoming a Park Commissioner, and assuming other civic duties, giving to each the most careful and unselfish attention.

There would be injustice done to the character of this man were his views on

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The vital question of woman's place in the Country's history needs to be considered. In regard to this, as to every other subject, justice and the liberty of every human being in action the vital determinant of which the actors, should his decisions, and he enrolled himself in favor of woman's equality with man in all the rights and privileges of full citizenship, and by word and act made his position fully understood. He was then urged to accept a political office, but declined, the quiet life of home being more congenial to him. But the time came when he realized that there was a degree of selfishness in such a life as this - that a man owed to his Country civil as well as military duty if it was demanded of him, and he yielded to the solicitation of men of both the leading political parties and accepted a nomination for member of the U.S. Congress on the Democratic ticket, to which position he was elected by the vote of his fellow citizens irrespective of party affiliations, and represented a strong Republican district in the Forty-eighth and Forty-second Congresses. Soon after this his interest in the veteran soldiers led him to accept a place on the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Bath, N. Y., upon which he remained for many years.

On his return, after his political service was closed, to the simple life he so much enjoyed and the business so much needing his attention, it was followed by two years of comparative quiet, although full of care and work. Never did he seem more filled with loving interest in his friends than now, and his frankness in welcoming them to his summer home on "Guilford Farm" was unfailing.

The summer of 1895 opened with bright promises of social enjoyment, when, on the night of June 10th, Colonel Greenleaf was stricken with apoplexy and his right side remained nearly useless to him for the

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remainder of his life. It was a terrible blow to this active, energetic man, upon whose shoulders rested so much responsibility for others as well as himself, but the same dauntless courage with which he met the foe in battle served him in this new trial, which he faced without murmuring, and for more than eleven years he waited in patience and saw the world pass by. His faltering tongue failed often to express his thought, but the clear glance of his eye and the warm clasp of the one hand left him, told of his infinite patience, his loving trust, his bravery.

At length, on August 25th, 1906, in the home he loved so dearly on Lake Ontario's shore, the welcome release came, the tired body was laid aside, and he was free.

Knowing that the longed for moment was near at hand, his message of "Love to everybody" was given and his fervent exclamation "going home, good, good, good!" was breathed into the listening ear of her who had shared his life, and been blest in the sharing, for more than fifty-four precious years, and fruition was his.

The funeral services were attended by his pastor, Rev. A. W. Grose, in the First Universalist Church, in Rochester.

Beautiful flowers, the gifts of loving friends, covered his casket and tenderly marked the vacant pew in which he used to sit.

One floral token, sent by the 52nd Regiment, deserves special mention. It was a wreath made of white carnations bordered with pink roses and smilax and inscribed with purple flowers:

Our Colonel,

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The funeral cortege passed out of the church, the casket bearing the remains of Colonel Greenleaf, followed by the family and friends, and the procession moved to the cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed.

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Supplementary War Sketches.

Letter from Joseph Griswold, Jr.

This is a letter which should be given room on the pages of this book as it is a fitting Tribute to Colrain men in time of War.

Greenfield, Mass, Dec. 8, 1870.

A. A. Smith, Esq.
Adjt. H. S. Greenleaf Post No. 20, G. A. R. Colrain, Mass.

My Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your kind invitation to be present with the members of your Post and others on the evening of Dec. 13th, and I regret that my engagements are such that I shall be unable to be with you, and consequently denied the pleasure such a meeting would give me.

I feel an interest in everything that pertains to Colrain, and especially do I feel a pride as every citizen should, in the historic history of the town.

Conquering their homes from the savages, at first, the early settlers, not only participated in the various Indian wars of their times, but were so thoroughly identified with the great movement of the Revolution later that it is said "that the town sent every able bodied man it had and taxed itself beyond endurance in that cause of Liberty,- that a select company from Colrain was stationed to aid in the hazardous defense of West Point, and that the town furnished the best shot of any place in the Revolution."

With such a record, there could have been, and there was no uncertain sound from their decendants when the war of the Rebellion broke out. Colrain at that

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time responded with alacrity to the first call of its Country, and the valor of its soldiers was marked on many a battlefield.

I am glad that the record of their services is to be placed in an enduring form, for it is worthy of lasting memory!

It contains a record of patriotism and valor that has come down from the past, and will inspire and emulate those who will come after it, and being treasured among the archives of the Town, as I suppose it will be hereafter, with native marble and bronze as we trust the liberty you defend, and the government you restored, will continue to carry their reminiscence to the end of time.

I am truly yours,
Joseph Griswold.

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Edwin Davenport.

Edwin Davenport was a young man of good habits and principles and beloved by all who knew him.

At the time the war broke out he was in the West employed as a school teacher; but, feeling it a duty which he owed to his Country, to help put down the Rebellion, he came East to join the 52nd Reg't.

In a letter he wrote to his parents while in Illinois he said, "Were I to enlist here I would have to go with strangers; and if killed upon the field of battle, when they buried the dead, they would say, he was a traveler in Illinois, and has no friends that we know of, and thus my resting place. So I hereby authorize you, father, to have my name enrolled there as one of the Colrain company, and I will come and fill the place."

This he did. But his fate was to be as he had pictured it, for he died in a hospital in Brashear City, Louisiana, among strangers and was buried somewhere there.

The only news of his fate ever received being a letter dated May 25, 1863 from the Head nurse of the hospital, Thomas G. Parish, stating that he died that morning and would be buried that day.

The place was shortly after taken by the rebels, so no other information could be got.

He had, previous to the war, belonged to the militia company in Colrain in which he was a lieutenant.

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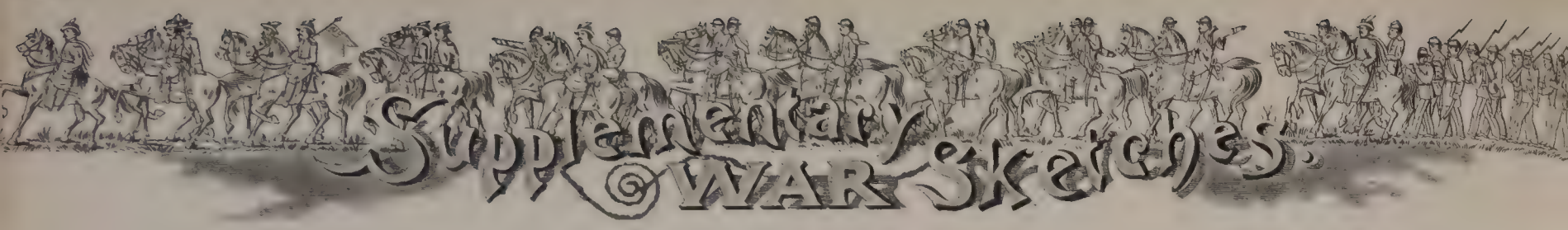

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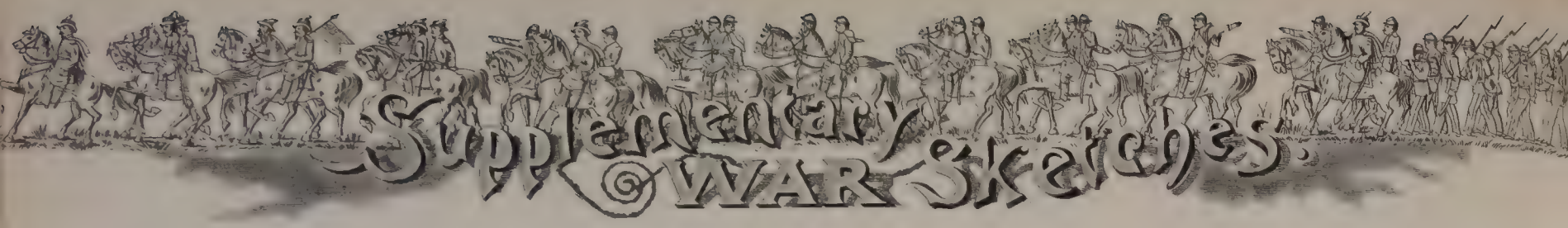

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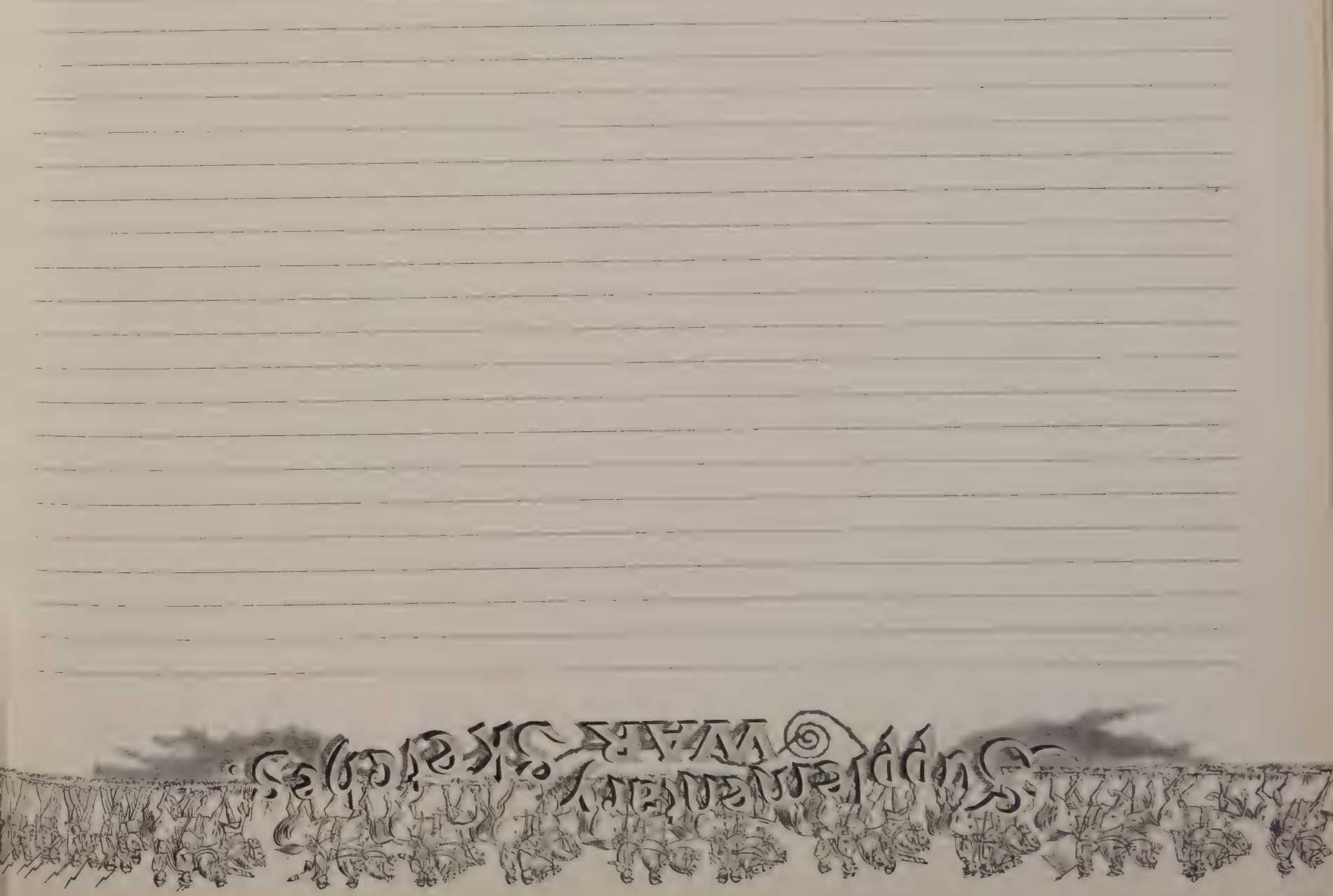

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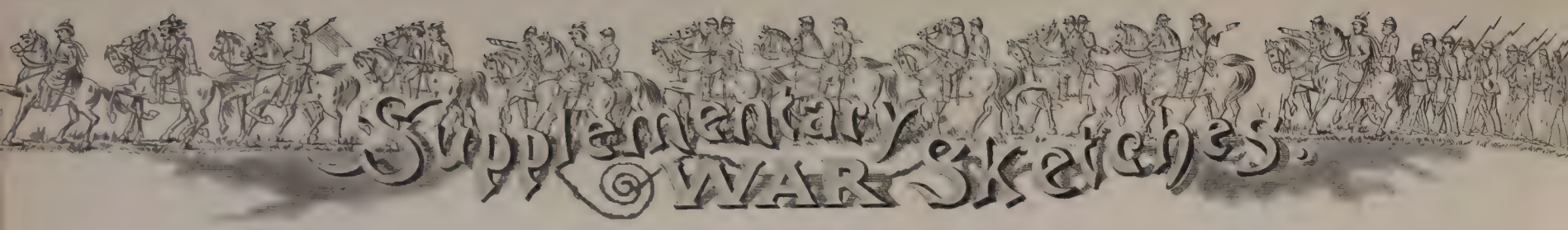

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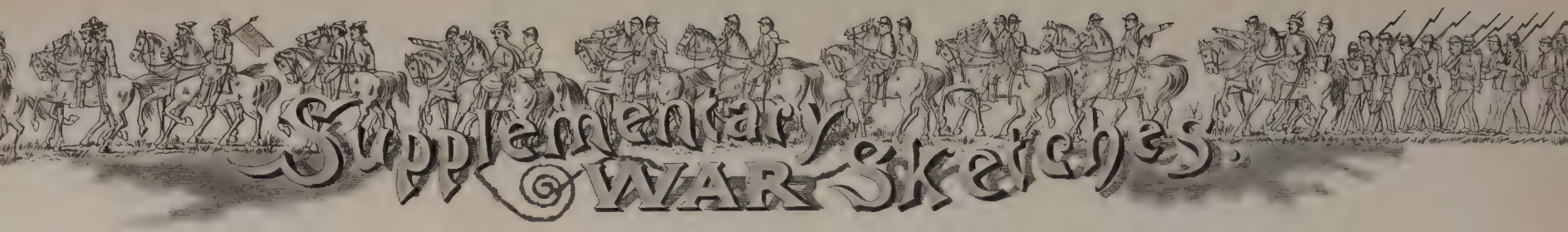

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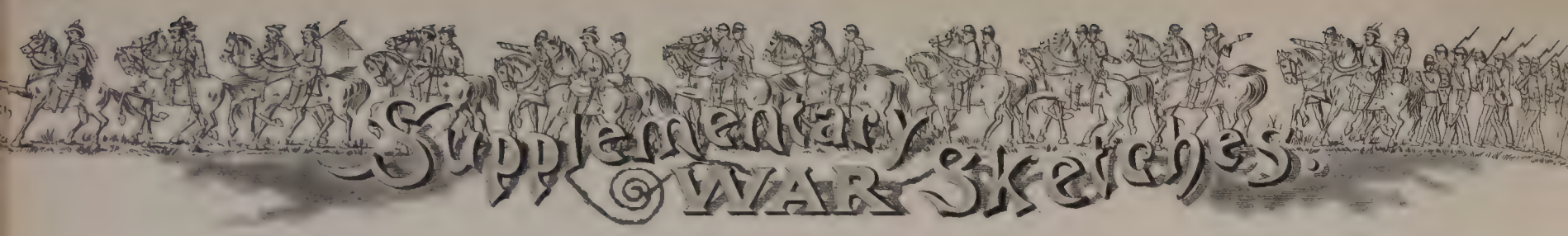

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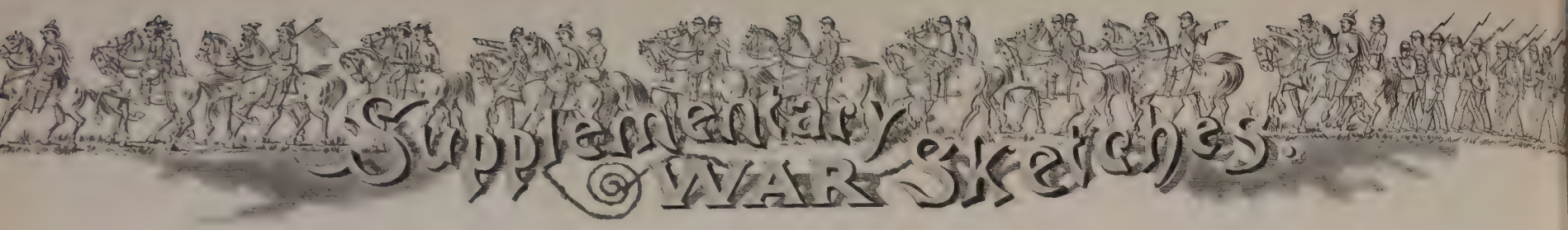

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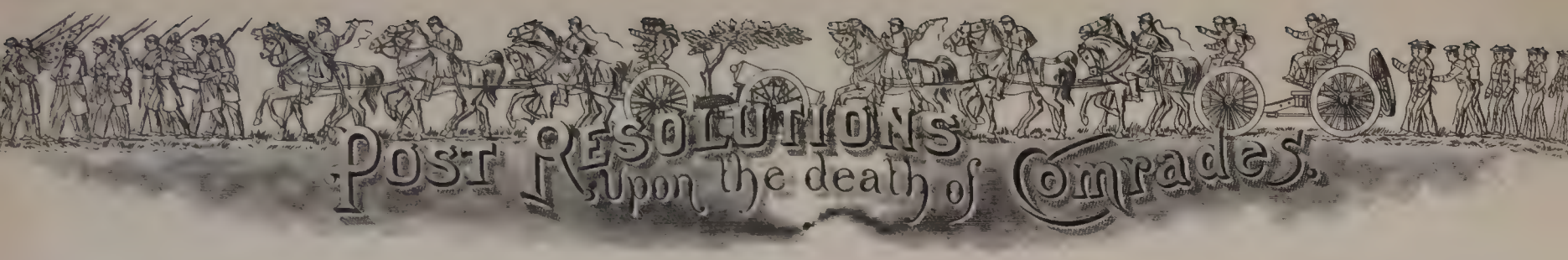

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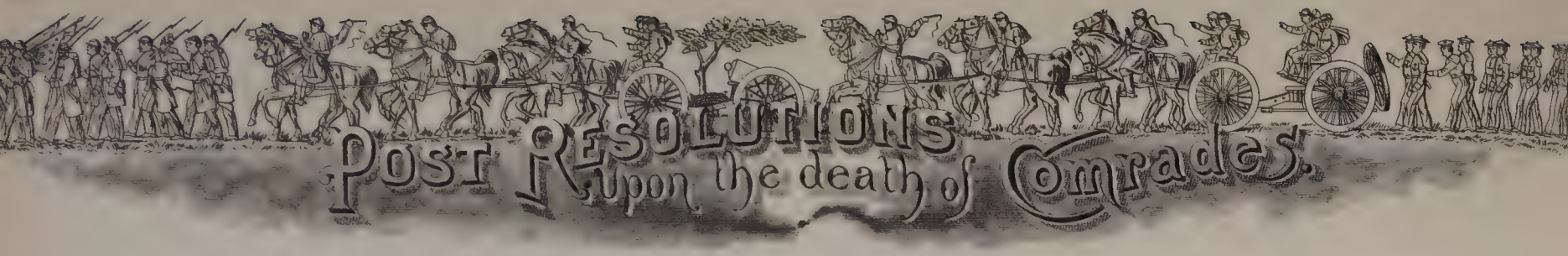

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Final
"Muster Out."
"Beat the taps! Put out lights! and silence all sound:
There is rifle-pit strength in the grave!
They sleep who sleep, be they crowned or uncrowned.
And death will be kind to the brave."

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NAME.	RANK.	CO.	ARM OF SERVICE.	DATE OF DEATH.			WHERE BURIED.			REMARKS.
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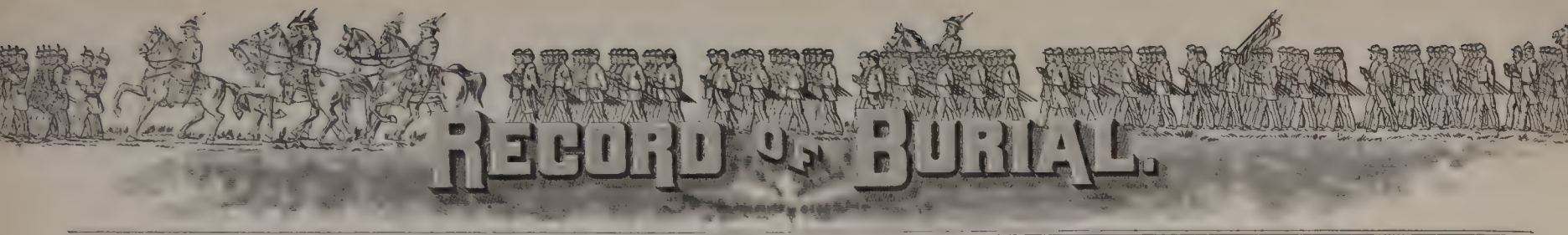

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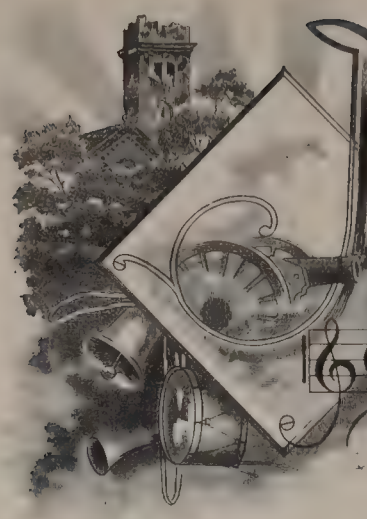

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together with the names and ages of all Comrades present upon that occasion.

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